

Minutes of NPBRT Meeting: 11-15-16
USFS Conf. Room (7-9 PM) 100 Main Street, Walden, CO

Members/Liaisons Present

*Mike Allnutt
Deb Alpe
*Jim Baller
Paula Belcher
*Kent Crowder
*Blaine Evans
Debbi Heeney
Tony Johnson
*Randy Miller
*John Rich
*Carl Trick II
*Barbara Vasquez
*Ty Wattenberg

Members/Liaisons Absent

Joe Brand
Pete Conovitz
*Mike Honholz
Pepper Canterbury
*Douglas Waldron
*Rick Wyatt
Jeremiah Zamora

Others Present

Christi Bode
Craig Godbout
Scott Hoffner
Caid Waldron

I. Introductions/Agenda Review

Agenda was accepted as proposed except for addition of Erin Light's request to present on the North Platte Program and Debbie Alpe's request to present on the NPB Education Plan.

II. Approval of Roundtable Minutes: 9-27-16

The minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting were accepted as presented.

III. North Platte Video Presentation (Preliminary) - Christi Bode, Moxiecran Media

Christi presented to the RT the 'final' draft of the video (with the audio overlay). It received a lot of praise from the RT members. She will finalize by the end of this month and provide it for distribution, as the RT decides.

IV. Education and Outreach Planning meeting report - Debbie Alpe

Debbie handed out and reported briefly on the 2016-19 North Platte Basin Roundtable Education Action Plan agreed to by the committee members. The RT members present voted unanimously for approval. A copy will be distributed with these minutes.


V. Status Report on Projects Approved By North Platte Basin Roundtable for Water Supply Reserve Account Funding (Basin Account Funds and Statewide Account Funds) – Kent Crowder, Chair and Barbara Vasquez, Recorder

The spreadsheet inserted below was presented and discussed. Information was requested regarding the project: Re-establishment of Lysimeters in North Park to Determine High Altitude, Hay Meadow Crop Coefficients. Carl Trick and Debbie Alpe provided some details on the work done last summer. Dan Heinrich worked hard to take care of the lysimeters but they were not designed to work well with flood irrigation. A principal from Decagon (manufacturer of the lysimeter) came out from Seattle and Debbie explained that Wendy Ryan, although no longer with CSU, is still trying to make this project work to measure ET. Expiration date of the projects is 12/31/19.

Barbara asked about progress on the Augmentation Plan. Kent reported on the behalf of Wilson Water Group and JCWCD regarding the project. The high level summary: the project has completed tasks 1 & 2 and consumed 40% of the budget. JCWCD has decided to proceed with the project.

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The McFarlane Reservoir project was reported on by Blaine Evans. First bid was approximately \$1M over budget. Two additional contractor bids are expected by 12/1/16. Carl asked about impact of staffing cuts at Arapaho National Wildlife Refuge. Blaine said it would have no effect. He's working with USFWS staff in Denver on this project. Blaine committed to send out a spread sheet on the project.

WSRA PROJECTS Basin(s)=North Platte										10/21/2016 8:19:42 AM				
Basin	Applicant	Water Activity Name	CWCB Meeting Approved	Basin Account	Statewide Account	Total Request	Number	Amount	Matching Funds Authorized	Matching Funds Paid	Project Expire Date	Final Date Closed	PM	Status
North Platte	Silver Spur Land & Cattle	New Pioneer Ditch Diversion Reconstruction Project	Mar-08	\$116,000.00	\$0.00	\$116,000.00	C150421	\$116,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$0.00	12/31/09		Completed	
North Platte	Walden, Town of	Town of Walden Water Supply Improvement Project	Jul-08	\$385,000.00	\$0.00	\$385,000.00	C150431A	\$385,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	9/30/11		Completed	
North Platte	USDA, Forest Service	Effects of Mtn pine beetle and forest mgmt on water quantity, quality, and forest recovery N.P. and Upper CO River basins	Sep-08	\$212,305.56	\$164,617.92	\$376,923.48	C150440	\$372,459.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	12/31/13	6/4/14	Craig	Completed
North Platte	Colorado State University	Identification and assessment of important wetlands in N.P. River watershed	Sep-08	\$86,000.00	\$96,000.00	\$182,000.00	C150433	\$182,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	6/30/10	6/30/10	Completed	
North Platte	Colorado State University	Monitoring the effects of weather conditions on the evapotranspiration in N.P.Basin	Sep-08	\$50,409.00	\$50,409.00	\$100,818.00	C150438	\$100,818.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	6/30/14	6/30/14	Craig	Completed
North Platte	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	North Park Irrigated Meadow Conservation Program - Phase I	May-10	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	10000000126	\$20,000.00	\$41,338.00		6/30/14		Craig	Completed
North Platte	Walden Reservoir Company	Structure for Water Control	Jan-11	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	\$36,000.00	11000000087	\$36,000.00	\$7,900.00		11/30/11	11/7/11	Completed	
North Platte	Colorado Foundation for Water Education	Solicitation of stakeholder input through production of a North Platte Basin education package	Jan-11	\$14,040.00	\$0.00	\$14,040.00	11000000084	\$14,040.00			6/30/12	6/25/12	Jacob	Completed
North Platte	Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority	Basin Roundtable Project Exploration Committee: Flaming Gorge	Sep-11	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	131BC00000001	\$73,000.00	\$2,500.00		1/31/13	1/31/13	Jacob	Completed
North Platte	Jackson County Water Conservancy District	Structures for Water Control: Headgates and Diversion	Sep-11	\$55,055.00			C150488	\$128,828.00	\$26,383.00		12/31/13	12/10/12	Completed	
North Platte	Jackson County Water Conservancy District	Structures for Water Control: Headgates and Diversion	Sep-11	\$128,828.00	\$0.00	\$128,828.00	C150488	\$128,828.00	\$26,383.00		12/31/13	12/10/12	Completed	
North Platte	Lohan, Hackleman and Olsen LLC	Seneca Ditch - Structure for Water Control	Jul-12	\$57,539.00	\$0.00	\$57,539.00	131BC00000011	\$57,540.00	\$8,993.30		4/22/13		Jacob	Completed
North Platte	Greg Ray	Mutual Ditch - Structure for Water Control	May-13	\$41,940.00	\$0.00	\$41,940.00	POGG1 2015-59	\$41,940.00	\$4,660.00		11/30/15	10/21/15	Jonathan	Completed
North Platte	Jackson County Water Conservancy District	BIIP - North Platte Basin Implementation Plan	Sep-13				C150533	\$107,500.00			11/30/14		Craig	Completed
North Platte	Jackson County Water Conservancy District	BIIP - North Platte Basin Implementation Plan	Sep-13	\$107,500.00	\$0.00	\$107,500.00	C150533	\$107,500.00			11/30/14		Craig	Completed
North Platte	Colorado State University	Re-establishment of Lysimeters in North Park to Determine High Altitude, Hay Meadow Crop Coefficients	Sep-14	\$97,051.00	\$97,051.00	\$194,102.00			\$37,596.00		12/31/19		Craig	In Progress
North Platte	Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife	Mallory Extension Ditch Bypass Structure	May-15						\$11,272.00		12/31/16		Craig	In Progress
North Platte	Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife	Mallory Extension Ditch Bypass Structure	May-15	\$35,900.00	\$0.00	\$35,900.00			\$11,272.00		12/31/16		Craig	In Progress
North Platte	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation Project	Sep-15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00							Jonathan	Withdrawn
North Platte	Jackson County Water Conservancy District	Jackson County Basin Wide Augmentation Plan	Sep-15	\$161,000.00	\$0.00	\$161,000.00					10/19/20		Craig	In Progress
North Platte	South Metro Water WISE Supply Authority	Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency (WISE) Partnership: Conjunctive Use Infrastructure	Sep-15	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00					11/30/16		Derek	In Progress
North Platte	US Fish & Wildlife Service	MacFarlane Dam Rehabilitation Replacement Project	Mar-16	\$500,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$600,000.00					5/31/18		Jonathan	In Progress
North Platte	WaterReuse Colorado	Advancing Direct Potable Reuse to Optimize Water Supplies & Meet Future Needs	Mar-16	\$2,500.00	\$32,863.75	\$35,363.75			\$114,525.00		1/31/18	1/31/18	Kevin	In Progress
North Platte	Crosby Creek Ranch	Stambaugh Reservoir Outlet Repair	Sep-16	\$29,200.00									Jonathan	Contracting
North Platte Basin Total Request					2,147,267.56	\$40,941.67	\$2,603,954.23							
Number of Projects					24									
Water Supply Reserve Account Total Requests					2,147,267.56	\$40,941.67	\$2,603,954.23							

VI. North Platte Program – Erin Light

Erin reported she is sending out letters to users of ditches subject to administration that do not have headgates or have headgates without operable flumes. In Dan's area alone, 45 letters have been sent out. In the letter, ditch users that fail to meet the requirements will be given until May 31, 2017 to act. If work has started but not been completed, an extension of time can be requested. Areas not subject to administration will be sent a notice about the importance of measuring devices, but orders will not be issued. Caid was given a list for his area. There are as many structures involved, but fewer letters. Next abandonment list: 2020. Erin reported she is starting this work in the North Platte and will then move on to the Yampa/White. Craig Godbout was asked about WSRA grants for this work. He said approximately \$1500 for a flume plus installation would be reasonable but the application(s) must come through the RT for approval to be forwarded to the CWCB. Erin said Dick Wolfe and/or Kevin Rein would be willing to make presentations regarding 'use it or loose it', to highlight the value of a water right. The right to divert but the requirement not to waste...waste is somewhat subjective. Obvious waste: divert from river

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to ditch to river without covering ground. Perhaps a presentation in March at the Stock Growers would be appropriate?

She also reported that Dan Henrich has resigned and will be working for Owl Creek Ranch. Erin will wait till the end of the year to post the position. In addition, Dick Wolfe will be retiring at the end of June next year.

- VII. CWCB/IBCC** - Ty Wattenberg, John Rich and Mike Allnutt
IBCC: No report
CWCB: No report

VIII. Old Business/New Business

Old: Kent passed out a letter from the CWCB addressing a conflict of interest policy for Basin Roundtables. The criteria include both direct and indirect financial conflict of interest. Direct conflict of interest is clear, such as a voting member of the RT that would benefit from a headgate replacement project, for example. But indirect conflict of interest is much more difficult to assess. Kent said before discussing and adapting to this topic, he needed a clearer understanding and legal opinion regarding the policy.

New: Deb Heeney discussed the possibility of proposing up to 6 new projects for headgates/diversions/ditch lining, which could be lumped together. NRCS could provide a lump sum for design funded through EQIP up to 60% of total cost. Regarding measuring flumes, EQUP could match. Deb will call Godbout to discuss.

Deb Alpe said she was planning and Education and Outreach Committee meeting the week of Dec. 12. She will be contacting Committee members.

IX. Date for the next meeting

The next meeting is planned for Jan.24, 2017.